

Fountain Lake School District

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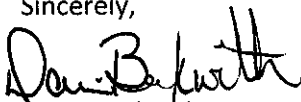
Dr. Kimbrell,

Please accept this letter as official notice from the Fountain Lake School District as a request for a waiver from the Public Choice Act of 2013 for the upcoming school year 2014/2015. The reason for this request is that Fountain Lake, along with all of the public school districts in Garland County, have been operating under a Federal Court Desegregation Agreement since 1989. According to this Federal Court Agreement, we are to operate under the Act 609 of 1989.

We fully recognize that this law has since been declared unconstitutional. However, six of the seven school districts in the county went before the Federal Court in May 2013 for clarification and direction on how we should proceed in this matter. We were ordered by the Federal Court to continue operating under the provisions of the former Act 609 of 1989.

As such, we are requesting that the Arkansas Department of Education grant the Fountain Lake School District a waiver from following the Public School Act of 2013 for the 2014/2015 school year.

Sincerely,


Darin Beckwith
Superintendent

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